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## Man Convicted of Long Beach Murder

A 30-year-old man was sentenced today to 25 years to life in state prison for fatally shooting another after a party in 2014, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

At today's court appearance, Thearath Sam of Pomona pleaded guilty to one count of second-degree murder in case NAO98413. The defendant also admitted a special allegation that he personally used a firearm during the commission of the murder.

Deputy District Attorney Hubert Yun, who prosecuted the case, said on the evening of Jan. 20, 2014, Sam was at a party in Long Beach when he got into a confrontation with the victim, Sambo Chhoy, 33.

The two men were told to leave the party and exited into a back alley, the prosecutor said. Sam then followed Chhoy for two blocks and then shot him. The victim died at the scene, the prosecutor added.

A little more than a month later, Sam was arrested in connection with the killing.

The case was investigated by the Long Beach Police Department.

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Los Angeles County District Attorney Jackie Lacey leads the largest local prosecutorial office in the nation. Her staff of nearly 1,000 attorneys, 300 investigators and 800 support staff members is dedicated to protecting our community through the fair and ethical pursuit of justice and the safeguarding of crime victims' rights.